

SAO Plenary Meeting

Radisson Blu Hotel

Oulu, Finland

25-26 October 2017

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 24 October 2017

6:45 pm Guided walk from Radisson Blu Hotel to the Oulu Museum of Art

7:00 pm Reception hosted by MFA Finland and the City of Oulu

Day 1 | Wednesday, 25 October 2017

9:00 am Meeting convenes

1. Introduction

1.1. Welcome remarks

1.2. Approval of agenda

2. Read-out of SAO executive meeting

Speaker(s): SAO Chair

Background: The SAO Chair will provide information on issues discussed in the SAO executive meeting held on 24 October 2017

Action: For information

Document(s): None

3. Arctic Council Secretariat update

Speaker(s): ACS director

Background: The director of the ACS will provide information on ACS activities, the integration of new secondments and staff members, and any other issues of relevance

Action: For information

Document(s): None

4. Scientific cooperation agreement

Speaker(s): Kingdom of Denmark

Background: The Kingdom of Denmark will provide an update on the status of ratification of the scientific cooperation agreement signed in 2017

Action: For information

Document(s): None

10:30 am Coffee break (30 minutes)

5. Arctic Council's presence at UNFCCC COP-23

Speaker(s): Ms Henna Haapala, Ministerial Adviser, Finnish Ministry of Environment; Ms Marianne Kroglund, AMAP Chair

Background: A status report on ongoing preparations for the Arctic Council's presence at the upcoming UNFCCC COP-23, to be held in November in Bonn, Germany

Action: For information

Document(s): None

6. Task Force updates

6.1. Task Force on Arctic Marine Cooperation (TFAMC)

Speaker(s): Ms Anita Mäkinen, TFAMC Co-Chair, Finland

Background: The TFAMC co-Chair(s) will provide an update on the work of the TFAMC

Action: For information

Document(s): Summary from the first meeting of the TFAMC

6.2. Task Force on Improved Connectivity in the Arctic (TFICA)

Speaker(s): Ms Marjukka Vihavainen-Pitkänen, TFICA Co-Chair, Finland

Background: The TFICA co-Chair(s) will provide an update on the preparations for the work of the TFICA

Action: For information

Document(s): None

12:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Meeting reconvenes

7. Thematic discussion: pollution prevention

Speaker(s): Finland, Working Group and Expert Group Chairs, UNEP

Background: Updates on the on-going work related to pollution prevention in the Arctic. The updates will be followed by a discussion among delegates and a summary of that discussion by the Chairmanship.

- Minamata Convention, COP-1 (Finland)
- Global Mercury Assessment and the Arctic (AMAP, UNEP)
- Black carbon
 - Status and next steps of the Expert Group (EGBCM)
 - BC project status (AMAP)
 - BC projects (ACAP)
- Other on-going work on contaminants (AMAP)
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- MOSPA exercise planning and other on-going work on pollution prevention (EPPR)

- Projects on Heavy fuel oil, Marine litter, other relevant work (PAME)
- Discussion and conclusions

Action: For information and general guidance

Document(s): Arctic Council work on pollution prevention

15:30 am Coffee break (30 minutes)

8. Update on adaptation and resilience

Speakers: AMAP, SDWG

Background: Updates on the on-going work on adaptation and resilience.

- Adaptation Actions for a Changing Arctic (AMAP)
- Arctic Resilience Action Framework (SDWG)

Action: For information and for guidance

Document(s): None

9. Update on the Arctic Economic Council

Speaker(s): Mr. Tero Vauraste, Chair of the AEC

Background: The Chair of the AEC will provide an update on the activities of the AEC

Action: For information

Document(s): None

5:00 pm Adjourn for the day

6:45 pm Guided walk to Oulu City Hall

7:00 pm Seated dinner hosted by MFA Finland and the City of Oulu

Day 2 | Thursday, 26 October 2017

9:00 am Meeting convenes

10. Observer special session

10.1. Observer review process

Speaker(s): SAO Chair

Background: The SAO Chair will provide Observers with an overview of the ongoing review process and the requirements for Observers scheduled for a review during the Finnish Chairmanship (2017-2019)

Action: For information

Document(s): None

10.2. Presentation of new Observers

Speaker(s): Observer representatives

Background: The seven new Observers that were admitted to the Arctic Council in May 2017 are invited to give a brief presentation about their Arctic-related activities

Action: For information

Document(s): none

10.3. Work of the Observers on Pollution Prevention in the Arctic

The Observers are invited to inform the Arctic Council about their activities related to pollution prevention in the Arctic. Those Observers, who wish to present their activities in this section, have registered their wish with the ACS, and the Chair has allocated time for brief statements within the time available.

10:30 am Coffee break (30 minutes)

10. Observer special session continues

12:00 pm Lunch

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11. Thematic discussion: education

Speaker(s): Finland, Working Group Chairs, UArctic, CAFF

Background: Updates on the on-going work related to education in the Arctic. The updates will be followed by a discussion among delegates and a summary of that discussion by the Chairmanship.

- Education as a priority (Finland)
- SDWG work on education (SDWG)
- UArctic as a partner in education (UArctic)
- Educational initiatives in CAFF (CAFF)
- Discussion

Action: For information and for general guidance

Document(s): Arctic Cooperation in Education

15:00 am Coffee break (30 minutes)

12. Working Group progress reports

Speaker(s): SAO Chair

Background: The six Working Groups have all prepared progress reports with updates on all ongoing work. They have also updated their entries in the Amarok / Tracking Tool. No oral presentations will be given under this item, but SAOs/PPs are invited to put forward any additional clarifying questions they may have regarding the ongoing and planned work of the WGs.

Action: For information and guidance

Document(s): Working Group progress reports

13. Any other business

5:00 pm Adjourn

List of documents submitted for information

Info Doc 1 A: Amarok: Arctic Council Tracker (mini-report)

Info Doc 1 B: Amarok: Arctic Council Tracker (maxi-report)

Info Doc 2: Update and progress report from PSI

Info Doc 3: Memo from CAFF summarizing the progress on Scoping for resilience and management of Arctic wetlands

Info Doc 4: PAME II-2017 Working Group Meeting Report

Info Doc 5: Cover letter and Terms of Reference: Arctic Shipping Best Practices Information Forum's Terms of Reference (ASBPIF-ToR)